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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF J. M. WILSON, JR.

1. COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS J. M. WILSON, JR. WILL VISIT BANGKOK JULY 20-23 TO REVIEW WITH EMBASSY AND OTHERS STATUS OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES AND PROBLEMS OF EPP CLOSEOUT. ARRIVAL SCHEDULED 0045 HRS 20 JULY VIA PA FL. 001 FROM HONG KONG AND DEPARTS 0155 24 JULY FOR TEHRAN.

2. DURING STAY, WILSON WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR EPP APPROVED REFUGEES, INCLUDING FACTORS OF ADVANCE NOTICE OF TRAVEL TO VOLAGS, TRANSIT CENTER SPACE, ADVANCE REPORTING BY ICEM TO VOLAGS ON REFUGEE MEDICAL PROBLEMS, TIMING (I.E., EFFECTS OF BULGES IN SPONSOR VERIFICATION FLOW), AND CLOSEOUT PROBLEMS. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ALL OF FOREGOING WITH ICEM REP CORCOS.

3. DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY ALSO DESIRABLE ON CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND PROGRESS TOWARD PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND BOTH THERE AND IN THIRD COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. COMPLEXITIES OF NEW ARRIVALS, ESPECIALLY BOAT CASES, SHOULD ALSO BE ON DOCKET. FOR ABOVE,
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WILSON WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SUCH RTG

OFFICIALS AS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND ALSO WITH UNHCR
REP BERTA.

4. WILSON WOULD ALSO LIKE EMBASSY'S IDEAS ON HOW CONTINU-
ING REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA SHOULD BE HANDLED
BOTH IN POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT. AS TIME
PERMITS, WILSON WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT
CAMPS. HIS TRAVEL ORDERS WILL COVER POSSIBILITY OF
MILITARY AIRCRAFT TRAVEL. WE INVITE EMBASSY COMMENTS AND
SUGGESTIONS ON THESE AND OTHER POSSIBLE TOPICS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
TRANSPORT AND RESERVATIONS AT APPROPRIATE HOTEL, CONFIRMING
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